

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 PANAMA 02364 021249Z

ACTION STR-04

INFO OCT-01 ARA-06 ISO-00 AGR-05 AID-05 CIAE-00  
COME-00 EB-08 FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 USIA-06  
TRSE-00 XMB-02 OPIC-03 SP-02 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01  
L-03 ITC-01 NSC-05 SS-15 CEA-01 /083 W  
-----021956Z 033592 /45

R 012230Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY PANAMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1340

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE PANAMA 2364

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EAGR

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SUGAR DATA

REF: STATE 66941

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BASED ON SUGAR YEAR 1976  
(BEGINNING DEC 1975). AS NOTE OF EXPLANATION, IN 1976  
PRIVATE CORPORATIONS PRODUCED 65 PERCENT AND GOVERNMENT  
SUGAR CORPORATION 35 PERCENT OF PANAMA'S SUGAR PRODUCTION.  
ENTIRE GOVERNMENT PRODUCTION IS EXPORTED; ABOUT HALF OF  
PRIVATE PRODUCTION IS EXPORTED, HALF CONSUMED DOMESTICALLY.  
NEW GOVERNMENT SUGAR PLANTS ENTERING PRODUCTION IN 1977  
WILL NEARLY DOUBLE PANAMA'S PRODUCTION CAPACITY, AND MORE  
THAN DOUBLE EXPORT CAPACITY. HOWEVER, GOVERNMENT PRODUC-  
TION COSTS ARE ABOUT 4 CENTS PER POUND ABOVE PRIVATE PRO-  
DUCTION COSTS SINCE I.A. PRIVATE MILLS ARE OLD AND FULLY  
AMORTIZED. THEREFORE "GOVERNMENT" COSTS SHOWN BELOW IN  
PARA 2 ARE PROBABLY THE BEST BASIS FOR PROJECTING  
FUTURE COSTS.

2. AVERAGE PRODUCTION COSTS (CENTS PER POUND) AT  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 PANAMA 02364 021249Z

FACTORY (EXCLUDING FREIGHT, INSURANCE, ETC.)

|  | GOVT | PRIVATE |
|--|------|---------|
|--|------|---------|

|             |      |           |
|-------------|------|-----------|
| A) TOTAL    | 17.5 | 13.5      |
| B) VARIABLE | 13.0 | 12.0      |
| C) FIXED    | 4.5  | 1.5 (EST) |

3. PRICE PAID FARMERS \$12.50 PER SHORT TON CANE,  
BASED ON OFFICIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT-OWNED  
MILL AND FARMERS, (I.E., GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRICES  
ARRANGED THROUGH MINISTRY OF LABOR). PRIVATE PRODUCERS  
MAY PAY LESS, ABOUT 11.0 -11.5 CENTS PER SHORT TON.

4. DOMESTIC RETAIL CONSUMER PRICES: REFINED SUGAR  
20 CENTS; SEMI-REFINED 15 CENTS; RAW SUGAR 12 CENTS PER POUND

5. AVERAGE VALUE OF 1976 SHIPMENTS APPROX \$13.40 PER  
HUNDRED POUNDS (INCLUDING SHIPPING, INSURANCE; OR ABOUT  
\$11.70 RAW VALUE). NOTE THAT VALUES DROPPED RAPIDLY  
DURING THE YEAR, AND THAT THESE FIGURES ARE ONLY  
AVERAGES.

6. US IS ONLY COUNTRY PANAMA EXPORTS SUGAR TO.  
JORDEN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** SUGAR, COSTS, PRODUCTION DATA  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 01-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977PANAMA02364  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770115-0357  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** PANAMA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770498/aaaadhv.tel  
**Line Count:** 80  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** b09e8bab-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION STR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 STATE 66941  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 29-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2926392  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** REQUEST FOR SUGAR DATA  
**TAGS:** ETRD, EAGR  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/b09e8bab-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009